

## Peace Corps

## § 310.440

participant if you know that a principal of the transaction is excluded, unless you obtain an exception under § 310.120.

### **§ 310.410 May I approve a participant's use of the services of an excluded person?**

After entering into a covered transaction with a participant, you as an agency official may not approve a participant's use of an excluded person as a principal under that transaction, unless you obtain an exception under § 310.120.

### **§ 310.415 What must I do if a Federal agency excludes the participant or a principal after I enter into a covered transaction?**

(a) You as an agency official may continue covered transactions with an excluded person, or under which an excluded person is a principal, if the transactions were in existence when the person was excluded. You are not required to continue the transactions, however, and you may consider termination. You should make a decision about whether to terminate and the type of termination action, if any, only after a thorough review to ensure that the action is proper.

(b) You may not renew or extend covered transactions (other than no-cost time extensions) with any excluded person, or under which an excluded person is a principal, unless you obtain an exception under § 310.120.

### **§ 310.420 May I approve a transaction with an excluded or disqualified person at a lower tier?**

If a transaction at a lower tier is subject to your approval, you as an agency official may not approve—

(a) A covered transaction with a person who is currently excluded, unless you obtain an exception under § 310.120; or

(b) A transaction with a person who is disqualified from that transaction, unless you obtain a waiver or exception under the statute, Executive order, or regulation that is the basis for the person's disqualification.

### **§ 310.425 When do I check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified?**

As an agency official, you must check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified before you—

(a) Enter into a primary tier covered transaction;

(b) Approve a principal in a primary tier covered transaction;

(c) Approve a lower tier participant if agency approval of the lower tier participant is required; or

(d) Approve a principal in connection with a lower tier transaction if agency approval of the principal is required.

### **§ 310.430 How do I check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified?**

You check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified in two ways:

(a) You as an agency official must check the *EPLS* when you take any action listed in § 310.425.

(b) You must review information that a participant gives you, as required by § 310.335, about its status or the status of the principals of a transaction.

### **§ 310.435 What must I require of a primary tier participant?**

You as an agency official must require each participant in a primary tier covered transaction to—

(a) Comply with subpart C of this part as a condition of participation in the transaction; and

(b) Communicate the requirement to comply with Subpart C of this part to persons at the next lower tier with whom the primary tier participant enters into covered transactions.

### **§ 310.440 What method do I use to communicate those requirements to participants?**

To communicate the requirements to participants, you must include a term or condition in the transaction requiring the participant's compliance with subpart C of this part and requiring them to include a similar term or condition in lower tier covered transactions.